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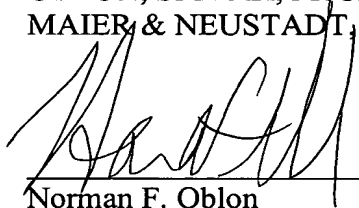
Claims 1-7 and 19 have been canceled, leaving Claims 8-18 for examination.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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